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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

CLAIM 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad, comprising a mousepad with one or more connectedly attached members at or near the edge of the said mousepad, said member or members anchored in and protruding above the surface of said mousepad in a roughly perpendicular fashion and providing a barrier to discourage mouse movement off that edge of said mousepad where said member or members is located.

CLAIM 2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad, as in claim 1, wherein said member or members is in the shape of a hockey goal and said mousepad has the appearance of a full or partial hockey rink.

CLAIM 3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad, as in claim 2, further comprising graphics or text, used for promotional purposes.

CLAIM 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad, as in claim 1, wherein said member or members is in the shape of a basketball post, backboard, and hoop and said mousepad has the appearance of a full or partial basketball court.

CLAIM 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad, as in claim 4, further comprising graphics or text used for promotional purposes.

CLAIM 6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad, as in claim 1, wherein said member or members is in the shape of a golf hole, post, and flag and said mousepad has the appearance of a full or partial golf green.

CLAIM 7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad, as in claim 6, further comprising graphics or text, used for promotional purposes.

CLAIM 8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad, as in claim 1, wherein said member is in the shape of a football goalpost and said mousepad has the appearance of a full or partial football field.

CLAIM 9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad, as in claim 8, further comprising graphics or text, used for promotional purposes.

CLAIM 10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad, comprising a mousepad with one or more connectedly attached and raised members near the

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periphery of said mousepad, said member or members anchored into said mousepad and providing a barrier to mouse movement off that mousepad edge where said member or members are anchored is placed.

CLAIM 11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad that can be used as an entertainment device, comprising: a mousepad resembling the playing surface of a sport in miniature and one or more miniature accessories used in said sport, used to play a facsimile of said sport.

CLAIM 12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad that can be used as a promotional device, comprising a mousepad with one or more connectedly attached protruding members, whose shape, markings, and protruding member or members resemble ~~resembling~~ the playing ~~surfaee~~ area of a sport in miniature.

CLAIM 13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad, as in claim 1, wherein said mousepad further comprises a porous surface that can be written on.

CLAIM 14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An ~~improved~~ mousepad that can be used with an optical mouse, comprising a mousepad with one or more connectedly attached members at or near the edge of ~~the~~ said mousepad, said member or members anchored in and protruding above the surface of said mousepad in a roughly perpendicular fashion and providing a barrier to discourage the user from placing items on or over said mousepad.

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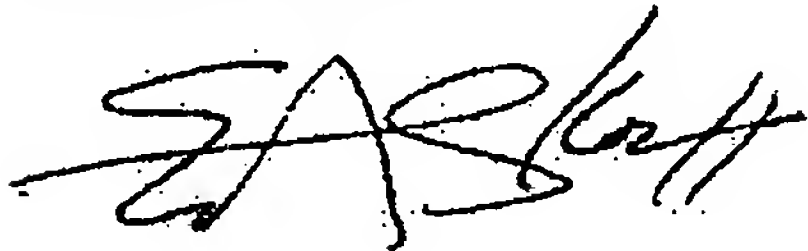
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